

# Application

**Application Deadline: January 3, 2022**

**NMS Code: 603073**

Please submit application via PhORCAS:

- Letter of Intent
- Curriculum vitae
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Official college of pharmacy transcripts
- Virtual interview with clinical presentation
- Completion of an ASHP accredited PGY1 residency or a PGY1 residency with ASHP candidate status

*Appointment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of a physical exam, including a negative drug test. Applicants must meet requirements for federal employment and U.S. Citizenship.*

*The residency site agrees that no person at this site will solicit, accept, or use any ranking related information from any residency applicant.*

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# Benefits

- Stipend: \$54,746
- 11 paid Federal holidays
- 13 Vacation days
- 13 Sick days
- Health Insurance (optional)

**San Francisco VA Health Care System**

4150 Clement Street

San Francisco, CA 94121

[www.sanfrancisco.va.gov](http://www.sanfrancisco.va.gov)

<https://www.va.gov/san-francisco-health-care/work-with-us/internships-and-fellowships/pharmacy-residency-programs/>

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**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

Veterans Health Administration

## PGY2 Pain Management & Palliative Care Pharmacy Residency



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# Program

## Purpose

PGY2 pharmacy residency programs build on Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) education and PGY1 pharmacy residency programs to contribute to the development of clinical pharmacists in specialized areas of practice. PGY2 residencies provide residents with opportunities to function independently as practitioners by conceptualizing and integrating accumulated experience and knowledge and incorporating both into the provision of patient care or other advanced practice settings. Residents who successfully complete an accredited PGY2 pharmacy residency are prepared for advanced patient care, academic, or other specialized positions, along with board certification, if available.

## Description

The PGY2 Pain Management and Palliative Care Pharmacy Residency at the San Francisco VA Health Care System is a one-year specialty residency designed to prepare a pharmacist to practice as a pain management, palliative care and/or substance use disorder Clinical Pharmacy Specialist. The residency program includes training alongside a variety of multidisciplinary pain management, addiction medicine, and palliative care teams. This residency affords direct patient care opportunities within the inpatient, perioperative, and ambulatory care settings.

# Learning Experience

## Program Objectives

- Develop clinical skills necessary to provide safe and effective pain management.
- Demonstrate effective verbal and written communication skills.
- Effectively integrate with interprofessional teams.
- Develop leadership & management skills.
- Provide effective education to patients and health care professionals.
- Conduct quality improvement initiatives.

## Required Rotations

- Orientation
- Chronic Pain Clinic
- Integrated Pain Team
- Perioperative Pain Clinic
- Acute Pain
- Palliative Care Consult Service
- Hospice
- Home-Based Primary Care/Movement Disorders
- Substance Use Disorder Clinic

## Longitudinal Rotations

- Longitudinal Residency Project
- Palliative Care Outpatient Clinic
- Opioid Safety Initiative Committee
- Teaching Certificate

## Elective Rotations

- Oncology
- Practice Management
- Advanced practice of a required rotation

# Team Members

Learn alongside interprofessional team members:

- Pharmacists
- Physicians
- Nurse Practitioners
- Clinical Psychologists
- Anesthesiologists
- Psychiatrists
- Physical Therapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Dieticians
- Nurses
- Social Workers

The resident will work as an active member of interprofessional teams and gain experience in all aspects of pain management including pharmacological, biomedical, psychological, and social approaches that promote whole health principles. This program emphasizes team-based care to provide optimal therapy to improve health outcomes.

## Conferences (optional)

- American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) Midyear Clinical Meeting
- PAINWeek
- Western States Residency Conference
- American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Conference
- Society of Pain & Palliative Care Live Virtual Conference

*Due to budget constraints, SFVAHCS cannot guarantee travel funding for residents.*